



January 2005

Johnson County Senior Squadron

Indiana Wing – Civil Air Patrol

Lieutenant Colonel Larry Lopshire, Commander

What The Heck Is This?

Have you ever missed a squadron meeting or two and said to yourself, “Self, I wonder what has been going on with the squadron.” Well this will be our attempt at starting a squadron newsletter to keep everyone informed of the latest and upcoming happenings for the Johnson County Senior Squadron. Keep in mind that this is not intended to be a substitute for your attendance at squadron meetings. It is also not intended to be the meeting minutes. So, if you miss something at the meeting and it doesn’t get printed here, you should have been there. If there is anything you would like to see printed in the next issue of our newsletter, be sure to contact the squadron Public Affairs Officer, Captain Tim Turner.

Squadron Name Change

What is in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. We’ve probably all heard that at some point, right? Our squadron is the Johnson County Senior Squadron. While we serve all over the state, mid-west, and even the country on an occasion or two, those who are not familiar with us are under the impression that we’re dedicated to Johnson County. Based on our name, some think there is a CAP squadron for every county. This understandable misconception may be a hindrance as we work on fundraising efforts. According to CAP regulations, a squadron name must be either geographic in nature (Johnson County) or named after an individual. A name change request will be submitted to wing to change the name of our squadron to the Colonel James H. Kasler Squadron.

Colonel James H. Kasler, USAF (retired) is considered the most decorated airman in the history of the U.S. military. Born in South Bend, he attended Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, and later Butler University. During WWII, Kasler served as an 18-year old tail gunner on a B-29 where he saw combat over Europe. Continued on page 2



Lt. Col. Reggie Paul with Second Lieutenant Anthony Lafata during the 2004 Eagle Creek SAREX Photo: Captain Tim Turner

Senior Leadership Changes In Wing

A few changes have taken place in key leadership roles within the Indiana Wing. Colonel Charles Greenwood, Indiana Wing Commander, has appointed Lieutenant Colonel Reggie Paul as the new Vice Commander. In his new role, Colonel Paul’s primary focus will be interacting with the squadron commanders throughout the wing. Many of us are already aware of Colonel Paul through his extraordinary efforts in administering the counter drug program for the wing. In a separate announcement, Colonel Greenwood has also appointed Lieutenant Colonel Tom Pickett as his new Chief of Staff. In his new role, Colonel Pickett will be working directly with the various wing staff members. Both Colonel Paul and Colonel Pickett are long time members of CAP. They have shown a tremendous amount of professionalism and achievement throughout their CAP careers. They are a welcome addition in these senior staff positions and will serve the wing well. ?

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years at Butler University before entering the Air Force Pilot Training Program in 1950. During the Korean War, Kasler flew an F-86 becoming an ace with six MIG-15s destroyed. On 8 August, 1966, Kasler was shot down while flying a combat mission during the Vietnam War. He was captured by the North Vietnamese and held as a prisoner of war until his release on 4 March, 1973. His captors at the infamous Hanoi Hilton brutalized him during his 6 1/2 years of captivity.

Colonel James H. Kasler is the only person ever awarded with 3 Air Force Crosses. He also earned 2 Silver Star Medals, Legion of Merit, 9 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 11 Air Medals, Bronze Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal with V for Valor, and 2 Purple Hearts.

It will truly be our honor to serve in a squadron bearing his name. ?



Scanner/Observer Training

In order to become mission qualified as a Mission Scanner or a Mission Observer, or even a Mission Pilot, one of the first steps is to complete the classroom training. Colonel Lopshire will be conducting this training on Wednesday evenings beginning on 12 January. Please contact Colonel Lopshire to sign up. The cost is \$15. ?

Squadron Leadership School (SLS)

One of the important milestones we must all complete in our CAP career is Squadron Leadership School, more commonly known as SLS. Your opportunity is coming soon. Our very own Johnson County Senior Squadron will be hosting an upcoming SLS on Friday and Saturday, 28-29 January. This is a departure for the standard Saturday and Sunday format. This is being done to accommodate those with Sunday conflicts, such as Chaplains.

Captain Hugh Cameron will be the program administrator for this class. Even if you have previously attended, you might want to consider attending again. This will be an SLS not to miss, the standard by which all future SLS courses will be judged. Captain Cameron has extensive experience in teaching problem solving and leadership. According to Captain Cameron, "we're going to be putting the Leadership back in Squadron Leadership School."

To enroll, get your CAPF17 signed off by Colonel Lopshire and forwarded it with \$10 to Captain Cameron as soon as possible. ?



got training?

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Important Dates

January

Wed	12	7:00p	Scanner/Observer Training (each Wednesday evening)
Sat	15	9:00a	Monthly Squadron Meeting
Fri	28	6:00p	Squadron Leadership School (ends Saturday 5:00pm)

February

Sat	19	9:00a	Monthly Squadron Meeting
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March

Sat	19	9:00a	Monthly Squadron Meeting
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April

Sat	16	9:00a	Monthly Squadron Meeting
Sat	23	tbd	Wing Dining Out

Dates and times are subject to change

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Commander: Lt. Col. Larry Lopshire
Deputy Commander: Lt. Col. Tony Cecere

For member exclusive information, refer to our
squadron group on Yahoo!Groups

2005 SAREX Schedule (tentative)

April 29 – May 1	Greenwood
May 20 – May 22	Evansville
June 10 – June 12	Kokomo
July 22 – July 24	TBD
Aug 19 – Aug 21	Indianapolis Mt. Comfort

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Attention All Pilots!

This is just a reminder that it is extremely important for all pilots to properly complete the “black notebook” in the aircraft. While there may be sections you don’t feel are important to your flight, it is imperative that each section be properly completed.

2005 National Board and Annual Conference August 17 – 20, 2005 Adam’s Mark Hotel St. Louis, Missouri

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